

NIHSS

for the comatose patient

LOC 1a = "3" – no response or reflexive movements to painful stimuli

LOC 1b = "2"

LOC 1c = "2"

BEST GAZE = check oculo-cephalic reflex

VISUAL = use bilateral threat

FACIAL = look for asymmetry, check grimace to painful stimuli

MOTOR ARMS = reflexive posturing is scored a "4"

MOTOR LEGS = same

LIMB ATAXIA = untestable - score of "0"

SENSORY = arbitrary "2" is scored

BEST LANGUAGE = arbitrary "3" is scored

DYSARTHRIA = arbitrary "2" is scored

EXTINCTION = arbitrary "2" is scored